

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CGEN, PINR, SREF, VM, SN  
SUBJECT: REACTION TO HANDLING OF HUMANITARIAN PAROLEES  
DINH CONG GIENG AND LAI DAC NGOC

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 1393; (B) SINGAPORE 1367

1. AUSTRALIAN AND INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONS AND YUGOSLAV CHARGE HAVE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT GOS HAS EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE AND GRATIFICATION OF USG'S QUICK AND EFFECTIVE REMOVAL OF TWO VIETNAMESE PILOTS FROM SINGAPORE. GOS HAS, AS REPORTED REFTEL A, ALREADY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO EMBASSY, BUT IT IS NOTE-WORTHY THAT GOS ALSO MAKING ITS FEELINGS MORE WIDELY KNOWN.

2. SEVERAL OTHER DIPLOMATS HAVE MENTIONED TO US THEIR SURPRISE THAT USG WAS ABLE TO ACT SO RAPIDLY (INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER COMMENTED SIMILARLY TO AMBASSADOR).

3. ONLY SUBSTANTIAL PRESS COMMENT ON EFFECT OF INCIDENT ON SINGAPORE-SRV RELATIONS OTHER THAN THAT REPORTED REFTELS WAS ASIAN WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE ON MARCH 27, HEADLINED "VIETNAM DOWNPLAYS LATEST HIJACKING, LEAVING TIES WITH SINGAPORE UNRUFFLED." CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS NANYANG AND SIN CHEW ON MARCH 24 CARRIED STORY WHICH INCLUDED STATEMENT THAT "THE VIETNAMESE

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TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN SINGAPORE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE INCIDENT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND SINGAPORE."

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